

IN STRIPA AND VOLHYNIAN RUSSIANS ON OFFENSIVE

Official Communications Both From Petrograd and Vienna Reveal Russians Pursuing Active Campaign Against Teutons

OCCUPY TRENCHES NEAR CZARTORYSK

In Region of Middle Stripa Russian Troops Cross Entanglements and Take Isolated Fortified Enemy Work

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] Everywhere in the Stripa and Volhynian districts of Russia and in east Galicia, the Russians are on the offensive, the official communications from both Petrograd and Vienna reveal.

Czernowitz, capital of Bukovina, is now the position around which the most important fighting is in progress. A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd gives a report of the evacuation of Czernowitz and the capture by the Russians of a large number of prisoners including Germans.

On none of the other fronts has any change of importance taken place. The Austrians have captured an Italian trench near Tolmino, and the Montenegrins have recaptured Bogievac from the Austrians.

Unofficial advices from Athens report 30,000 Bulgarians as having reached the region of Tirana, northwest of Elbasan in Albania, and that Albanian irregulars, commanded by Bulgarian officers, have exchanged shots with the Italian outposts near Durazzo on the Adriatic.

Out of 3,074,414 men of military age in England, Scotland and Wales, 2,829,263 were attested, enlisted or rejected under the Earl of Derby's recruiting scheme, leaving 245,151 men who did not offer their services. Of the men who did come forward, 428,853 were rejected by the recruiting officers.

While President Wilson has returned to Washington and taken personal charge of the situation created by the sinking of the Steamer Persia, the situation for the present is at a standstill as no action will be taken until the full facts as far as they can be obtained are in the hands of the government.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 4.—(Via London)—The official communication from general headquarters issued today reads as follows:

"The Germans tried to cross the Divina, in the region of Elsenhofe, but were thrown back by our fire. We put to flight Germans wearing white coats who attempted to approach our trenches in the region of the Tsargrad station.

"In the region of Czartorysk, the enemy was driven from the wood between Koshukinovka and Podcherevitch station. In the region of the middle Stripa, our troops, having crossed the line of wire entanglements, occupied enemy trenches in

RETURN OF PRESIDENT DOES NOT LESSEN THE SUBMARINE CRISIS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—There was no lessening of the tension in the submarine crisis today with President Wilson's return to the White House to take personal charge of the situation, but there were marked indications of the president's intention to proceed carefully and deliberately before committing the United States to the next step in its already strained relations with the Teutonic powers.

At the state department the hope was expressed that there would be opportunity to settle the crisis amicably and it was stated that the American government believed that Austria's assurances in the Ancona note were given in good faith.

Two points, it was emphasized, must be cleared up before the next move is made. It must be established whether the British liner Persia actually was torpedoed, and if so, what was the nationality of the submarine.

President Wilson's first act on his return was to issue a statement through Secretary Tammity promising the country action just as soon as the full facts in the Persia disaster can be learned.

The president and the secretary of state are taking every means possible to obtain the full facts in this grave matter and will not just as soon as the information is obtained," said the official statement issued at the White House offices.

The president's second step was to direct Secretary Lansing to gather more information from the Persia survivors. The secretary ordered the consuls at Alexandria, Malta and Cairo to obtain affidavits and at once cable summaries of their contents.

Until that information is obtained, or until Ambassador Penfield reports some result from his inquiry to the

Austrians Quit Czernowitz

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] LONDON, Jan. 5.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Havas Agency announces that the Austrians have evacuated Czernowitz, the Russians having seized all the heights dominating the town. The Russian official communication does not confirm the evacuation of Czernowitz, but says:

"Northwest of Czernowitz we have occupied a line of trenches and repulsed strong enemy counter attacks."

A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says that the Teutonic forces are reported to have evacuated Czernowitz (Bukovina). It adds that a large number of prisoners have been taken, including many Germans.

BRYAN AN UNWILLING WITNESS IN NEWSPAPER LIBEL SUIT

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—William Jennings Bryan vigorously protested today against the law of New York state, because he was required to come here at

his own expense and give testimony in a suit for libel.

"I am here under duress," declared Mr. Bryan, "because it is the only way I can avoid contempt proceedings."

Mr. Bryan was examined in an action brought against a Greek newspaper. He was questioned concerning the sale by the United States to Greece of the old battleships Idaho and Mississippi but said he knew nothing of the details. He denied that he gave any secrets of gunfire control to the Greek government, or that while secretary of state he had seen any letter written to influence him against Agamemnon Schlemmer, former Greek minister to the United States. He also said he had not heard criticisms alleged to have been made of him by Schlemmer.

According to Mr. Bryan, the sale of the battleships was a matter which rested entirely with the navy department. He admitted that gunfire control secrets might have been divulged by the navy department without his knowledge or that the state department might have attempted to some details of routine work without his personal knowledge.

The suit is the outgrowth of a statement in the Greek newspaper that the plaintiff, Petros P. Talantz, wrote or caused to be written a letter with a view to bringing about a feeling between Mr. Bryan and the former Greek minister.

ARIZ. PROMOTER GUILTY OF FRAUD

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—The conviction of Robert Linn, a mining promoter, in 1914 on a charge of using the mails to defraud, was affirmed in the United States circuit court of appeals here today.

Linn was sentenced to six months in the house of correction, and fined \$250 for using the mails fraudulently in selling stock of the New Cornstock Gold Mining company, an Arizona corporation, with properties in Nevada.

QUIET PREVAILS AT YOUNGSTOWN

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] YOUNGSTOWN, O., Jan. 4.—Police and mill managers reported quiet tonight in the vicinity of the various mills of the Republic Iron and Steel Company, where between six and seven hundred laborers are on strike for higher wages. The strikers ranks were augmented today by the addition of three hundred men from the Brown Ironmill Plant and the open hearth department at Hazelton. Leaders of the strikers claim that more than 2,000 men are affected and that virtually all the work of the company is at a standstill. During the day nine arrests of strikers or sympathizers were made, by police around the mills.

TO INVESTIGATE GASOLINE RISE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Congressional investigation of the rise in gasoline prices was proposed in a resolution introduced in the house today by Representative Father of Illinois. Another resolution by Representative Shulenberg of Nebraska, would ask the department of justice for any information in hand concerning gasoline prices and direct the department to conduct an inquiry. Both measures were referred to committees. The federal trade commission already has an investigation of this subject under way and officials of the department of justice have indicated an intention to seek information as to whether there has been any violation of federal laws.

FRENCH BUYING FIR LUMBER

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 4.—Lumber mills on the Columbia river and Puget Sound have been invited to bid on 200,000,000 feet of fir for immediate delivery to the French government. It was announced here today that contracts for this much have been placed with a San Francisco Lumber broker, Railway Trust and French firms among other specifications are mentioned. The French government will provide the transportation. If the Panama Canal will not be open in time, the shipments will go to the Atlantic seaboard by rail. There is still in the river considerable lumber ordered by the British government last year, but for which no transportation has been obtained as yet.

WHOLE FAMILY IS CREMATED

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 4.—Arch E. Kerk, his wife and four children were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home at Salmon, Idaho, on January 1. The victims were asleep upstairs when the fire started and perished before help arrived.

The charred bodies were placed in one casket and taken to Reynolds, Idaho, the former home of the Eckersalls, for interment.

INCREASES FOR SHENANGO MEN

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] SHARON, Pa., Jan. 4.—The Shenango Furnace company announced today that all employees will be given an increase in wages. It was stated that the advances would be general, affecting all furnace workers in the Mahoning and Shenango valleys, numbering about 5,000 men. The amount of the advance has not yet been determined.

In Cotton Mills, Too

WATERVILLE, Me., Jan. 4.—A wage increase approximating five per cent, will go into effect in Lockwood cotton mills here on January 17, according to notices posted today. More than 1,000 employees are affected.

PROBING COAL FIELD CONDITIONS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] WALSHEBURG, Colo., Jan. 4.—The federal commission seeking first hand information for a report to President Wilson on conditions in Colorado's coal fields left tonight for Trinidad, after two days in the coal camps of this district. The commissioners talked informally with operators and miners of the Colorado Fuel and Iron and the Victor American companies.

The commission, of which Sen. Louis C. Brandeis, and Patrick Gilday and Charles Mills members, expect to complete their work in the southern field tomorrow and resume sessions in Denver Thursday. A trip to the northern fields also is contemplated.

PRICE ON TRIAL FOR WIFE MURDER

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 4.—Crowds packed the corridors about the district court room where Frederick T. Price, a business man, was placed on trial today for the murder of his wife, Mary Fridley Price, a member of a wealthy Minnesota family.

Charles D. Echison, chief witness for the state, today said he was anxious to take the witness stand and repeat the story he told after his arrest on a joint murder indictment.

He charged Price with throwing Mrs. Price from a cliff and then striking her on the head with a rock for the purpose of inheriting her money.

BIRD TELLS PERKINS PROGRESSIVES MUST DECLARE PURPOSES

Responsible Party Leaders Should Declare in No Uncertain Words What Propose to Do in National Campaign of 1916

IS NO TIME TO TEMPORIZE

Says Responsibility for Failure to Unite Progressives and Republicans Against Democrats Rests With Republicans

(Special to The Republican) NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The following open letter has been sent by Charles Sumner Bird, of Massachusetts, to George W. Perkins, chairman of the executive committee of the progressive national committee. Mr. Bird, as the progressive candidate for governor in 1912, received 16,000 votes and again as a candidate in 1915, received 126,000 votes, defeating the Republican candidate by over 10,000 votes.

Mr. George W. Perkins, Chairman of the Executive Committee, National Progressive Committee.

NEW YORK, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Perkins: The Progressives, more than two million strong, await with much interest the action of the National Progressive Committee which meets in Chicago on January 11th. We are largely anti-Democratic and yet many of us will vote the Democratic ticket rather than support a reactionary Republican candidate, a subordinate to a narrow, stand-pat platform.

The time is at hand when the responsible leaders of the Progressive party should declare, in no uncertain words, what they propose to do in the national campaign of 1916. This is no time to temporize, to flounder, to play the dog in the manger. The responsibility for failure to unite progressives and republicans into a solid anti-Democratic body, should be put squarely up to the Republican organization. The responsible leaders of the Republican party should be made to understand, in clear terms, that the nomination of a reactionary or second rate candidate, will widen the breach of 1912 and insure the election of President Wilson and the control of Congress by the Southern democracy. They should be told, frankly and publicly, that if the Republican leaders force upon the country a reactionary candidate, the Progressive organization will put into the field a straight ticket which Progressives of all parties can conscientiously vote for.

This is not the time to adopt a middle of the road platform, or to make effort in the serious consideration of "favorite sons." Grave dangers threaten the country, both in domestic and international affairs. Preparation for war is essential, but preparedness in industry is of equal importance. Enormous business difficulties are ahead of us at the expiration of the war. To take the life out of politics through the creation of a Tariff Commission, is absolutely essential to the welfare of both labor and capital. Above all we must re-create a virile and consistent foreign policy that will re-establish our respectability and rank among the nations of the world. These, and other great questions, make it imperative that past political differences and petty feuds be put aside and that the Progressives lead the way to unite the anti-Democratic forces in nominating a candidate courageous enough, able enough, patriotic enough, for the herculean task that the next president will have to face.

There are two men, and two only, who have a ghost of a chance to defeat President Wilson next November—Justice Hughes and Col. Roosevelt. Either would be acceptable to the great majority of Progressives; either would be satisfactory to the rank and file of the Republican party. Mr. Hughes, as governor of New York, was independent, efficient and courageous. Undoubtedly he would make a great president. There are some, however, who feel as he evidently does, that a supreme justice should not step from the bench to a political fight. There are others who realize that Mr. Hughes' opinions on the issues that will be

DELIVERS PRAYER AT HIS OWN FUNERAL

ALAMEDA, Cal., Jan. 4.—The late William H. Scott, chaplain, U. S. A., retired, who died last Thursday, delivered the prayer for his own funeral services in the Masonic Temple here tonight. When the service reached the point where the prayer was to be said, a photographic record upon which Chaplain Scott had recorded the Masonic prayer twelve years ago, was turned on.

THESSALONIKI'S CREW IN BOATS SAYS WIRELESS

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—A wireless message which came in fragments at 8:25 o'clock tonight from the Greek liner Thessaloniki, said that the crew had taken to the lifeboats.

The manner in which the message was received indicated that the disabled ship, concerning whose movements there has been mystery for several days, was in serious trouble and probably was sinking.

A wireless message received earlier in the evening indicated that the Steamer United States, which went to the Thessaloniki aid yesterday, probably was in the vicinity of the disabled Greek liner. Whether the United States reached the Thessaloniki before the boats were lowered could not be ascertained.

The captain and ninety members of the crew were reported to be on board the Thessaloniki. Her passengers, 290 in all, previously had been transferred to the Steamer Patris, a sister ship of the same line.

For ten days there has been much mystery concerning the disability of the Greek liner. She has repeatedly sent out distress signals, but to vessels that would have reached her, she did not give her exact position.

The first "S. O. S." sent out by the Thessaloniki was answered by the coast guard cutter Seneca, which searched many hours for the disabled steamer but failed to find her and put back to port.

The Thessaloniki was known to have suffered from engine trouble, and wireless reports were to the effect that her engine room was flooded. Until the Patris reported she was alongside and had taken off the Thessaloniki's passengers, fear was felt for their safety.

parliament at the next election are unknown. It may be that he believes in President Wilson's Mexican, European, tariff for revenue only, business persecuting policies, and, if he does, his nomination would obviously be an absurdity. However, Justice Hughes is a strong man and undoubtedly would be supported by Progressives and Republicans alike.

Theodore Roosevelt was a great President, a strong executive, who called to his cabinet the ablest men of that time. First of all he is a patriotic and loyal American. At all times, under all circumstances, he has his hand for Americanism, for national honor and for our national responsibility in the work of the world. Had he been president during the past three years the crimes done in

GUZMAN WIRES FAIL AS VILLA MEN DRAW NEAR

Town Fifty-seven Miles South of El Paso is Believed to Have Been Attacked by Cavalrymen Carranza Aid is Rushed

HIPOLITA VILLA IS RELEASED

Brother of Mexican General Leaves El Paso for Havana, Cuba, to Join His Family and That of Francisco Villa

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire]

EL PASO, Jan. 4.—Late today the Mexico Northwestern Telegrapher at Guzman reported a force of several hundred cavalrymen approaching that town from the south. The message caused alarm and the wires have been silent since, on the theory that the cavalrymen were Villa followers, a force of Carranza troops were hurried to the scene on a special train. Guzman is 57 miles from El Paso.

Hipolito Villa, former financial agent of the Villa forces in Juarez and brother of the Mexican general, tonight started for Havana, Cuba, to join his family and that of General Villa.

A charge of looting by follow, the last of a number of combination charges against the former financial agent, was dismissed following preliminary hearing in justice courts.

Two cases against Villa were dismissed in district court last week, it being held that his alleged offenses were committed in Mexico.

A letter received here today from an American riding man in the Guerrero district of Western Chihuahua told of the killing of seven Chinese who, the letter declared, were lined up and shot by General Villa on December 27, 1915. Americans, according to the letter, were murdered four days without food and, it is said, Villa was prevailed upon to spare their lives only when they were facing the firing squads. They were then taken back to prison, the letter says, and released after Villa left the place a few days later. Villa then had but sixty followers, all well armed and supplied with provisions.

MOVIE ACTORS ARE SNOWBOUND

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., Jan. 4.—Preparations were being made here tonight to rescue fifteen motion picture actors, marooned in snow-bound Bear Valley, in the San Bernardino mountains. Snow shoes and dog sleds, taken into the valley to produce "Alaskan" pictures will be used to bring the party across the mountains. Automobiles equipped with snow chains will leave here tomorrow to make their way as far as possible into the mountains to aid the rescue.

Five feet of snow covered Bear Valley, last reports received here said, and the snow is still falling there.

\$250,000 OIL FIRE

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 4.—Fire tonight destroyed the plant of the Texas oil company at North Birmingham, causing a loss estimated at \$250,000. Fourteen tanks of oil and gasoline containing 20,000 gallons each were consumed.

SAYS KAISER HAS CANCER AND NO LONGER ABLE TO SPEAK

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] PARIS, Jan. 4.—The Matin affirms, notwithstanding denials, that the German emperor is suffering from cancer of the throat and is no longer able to speak.

"In February, 1911," according to the Matin, "the doctors were considering whether it was necessary to remove the entire larynx in order to stay progress of the disease. They raised the question as to whether the emperor would be able to speak if such an operation were performed. The leading specialists of every capital in Europe were consulted. It was learned that an eminent surgeon of Paris, with an artificial larynx and a breathing tube opening into the trachea, restored the power of speech to cancerous patients who had undergone total ablation of the affected organ."

"This doctor, whose name the Matin withheld for reason of professional etiquette, was asked to go to Berlin by the German ambassador. He was offered 100,000 francs and all his expenses and was requested to bring with him a patient who had been fitted with the apparatus so that the emperor himself might see if he was able to speak."

"Meanwhile, as a result of a minor operation with a history and a few weeks absolute rest, the emperor's condition improved, as is often the case in this disease, the progress of which is implacable, but slow. It is another operation of this kind which has just been performed. But it is only palliative. The German emperor must either make up his mind to complete removal of larynx or be stifled by the growth."

"This explains why the emperor went neither to Warsaw, Constantinople nor Brussels."

TWO DIPLOMATIC DINNERS NECESSARY BECAUSE OF THE EUROPEAN WAR

[Republican A. P. Leased Wire] WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Woodrow Wilson took up her duties today as mistress of the White House. Soon after her arrival with the president from their honeymoon at Hot Springs, she was busy with arrangements for the brilliant social season that opens Friday night with the Pan-American reception in the Blue Room.

The state department's list dividing foreign diplomats between the two diplomatic dinners that will be given this year because of the European war was sent to the White House during the day. It will be gone over carefully by the president and Mrs. Wilson before it is made public or invitations issued.

The task of determining to which of the dinners the representatives of neutral governments should be invited, which for a time presented a difficult problem, was solved by designating them alternately from the official diplomatic list. The neutrals under this plan will be divided equally between the dinners at which representatives of the Teutonic and those of the entente powers will be present.

One of the diplomatic dinners will be held January 11 and the other on January 21.

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